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Just now there are indications that the real thing is occurring at Port Arthur.

Young Weber in California seems to be suspected of all the mysterious murders that have occurred since the Bender crimes.

If Hon. George Sutherland is quite sure that he can spare the time next summer the President may conclude to call a special session of Congress.

One man has sprung into favor by proposing "Roosevelt canal" as the name of that great waterway of our own down in that little republic of our own, Panama.

Thomas W. Lawson is telling how to buy a Legislature. The information is useless in this part of the country. The Legislature is not to be bought, but merely directed.

August Belmont is spending some of his money on entertainment for one of the Rothschilds at New York. This brings a tinge of green into the eyes of the Hon. Alton Brooks Parker.

We are just entering upon the end of the world, say the Seventh Day Adventists, and yet there is still time enough for the News to repeat its falsehoods concerning sectarian control of schools.

John Pierpont Morgan has had his latest photograph copyrighted, so that no one may steal it. It is a pity he did not have his financial pre-eminence patented when he was at the height of his fame, so that Rockefeller could not get away with it.

The announcement that Hon. Charles B. Landis is likely to get the place now occupied by Vice-President-elect Fairbank in the Senate of the United States, is not calculated to bring any rounds of joy from the Hon. Brigham H. Roberts.

The Western woman who got a hundred thousand dollars out of an Eastern banker on unsecured paper, is now ill with nervous prostration. It is understood, however, that her nerve did not give away until she had reached the limit of the banker's resources.

The end of fame seems to have come to the Hon. Alton Brooks Parker. The newspapers of the East are recounting that some man who worked for him has presented a check signed by Judge Parker for the sum of one dollar on his local bank.

The thrift of New England is shown by the public confession, made from Hartford, that the average Connecticut man, farmer, mechanic or longshoreman, demands to be paid for his time when he goes to the polls to vote his own party ticket. One dollar is the average price.

It is not to be supposed that, in case Judge Barch shall succeed George Sutherland as the favorite candidate before the Legislature, he would necessarily succeed to George's obligations to Smoot. It is popularly understood that Judge Barch is so sufficiently acquainted with the order of precedence as to know that the president comes first.

The Deseret News is the sorry champion of the sorry cause of sectarianism in the public schools. It insists that the Mormons, as Mormons, shall have half the membership of the Board of Education in this city. It insists that the "religious classes" of the Mormon church shall have the use of the public school buildings in which to meet and study and expound Mormon dogmas; it insists that the laws of the State which require compulsory attendance of persons of school age in the public schools must be used at the convenience of the "religious classes" teachers to fill up those classes. And all the time it is loud in its protestation that it doesn't stand for sectarianism in the public schools! No wonder, with all the sectarian advantage it has secured in the public schools, the News is able to say, speaking as the organ of the Mormon church of the encroachments it has been able to make

on the public schools, that "the results of the work are most gratifying" to it. But they are the very reverse of gratifying to the general public, and this will presently be most forcibly made known.

WHAT THE FIGURES SHOW.

The official plurality of the highest Republican Presidential elector in this State was 29,061. The official plurality of Mr. Cutler, the Republican candidate for Governor, was 12,790. Here is a difference in the vote for the leading State official, compared with the electoral vote, of 16,271.

Mr. Cutler did not receive half the vote of the State. He is elected by a plurality, not by a majority. He will be a minority Governor. The total vote of the State on that office was 101,735. Mr. Cutler received 50,837; all others received 50,898.

It is manifest that this shrinkage of 16,271 shown by the candidacy of the man who was in the breach of the fight for ecclesiastical control of politics, shows a reluctance of the people to endorse such control that in ordinary years would mean defeat for that control. It is not a situation that the apostolic politicians can look upon with any confidence as effecting the security of their programme or of their position or assumptions.

It is plain that the ecclesiastical domination drew upon its resources to the full in this recent election. It might possibly, by the evident and open assertion of dominance, and by direct counsel to its adherents, have brought a few more votes to Mr. Cutler than it did, but it is also clear that this would have been perilous, especially at this time, with Senator Smoot's case hanging in the balance. Such open move might also have caused a reaction, and lost more votes than it could have gained.

We conclude, then, that the American party has every reason to be content with the showing of the vote. The public can plainly see that the American position is fully sustained by the official returns. The church hand is plain in the vote as polled; it is manifest that nothing short of the most strenuous squeeze held the voters of its fellowship up to the mark of electing Mr. Cutler. He will of course be the church's Governor, as directly to the church he owes both his nomination and his election. But it is an awful showing that the official figures make. It proves the church's interference and control. It is true. But it proves beyond question that this control is in imminent peril; that it is vulnerable, and can be shaken off. This the people can do, at their will and pleasure. And this is what the American party and The Tribune, with all the fervency and earnestness at its command, calls upon them to do.

A DOUBTFUL CONCLUSION.

According to a staff correspondent of the New York Press, whose views are printed as a special dispatch in the Deseret News, Senator Smoot will be declared entitled to his seat in the United States Senate.

And still the committee insists upon pursuing the investigation; and still some of the gentlemen who are subpoenaed as witnesses in this case insist upon remaining beyond the jurisdiction of the United States.

Either the special to the News is worthless, or the committee should refrain from further action, and the fugitives—including those for whom subpoenas were known to be issued, and those who merely feared that subpoenas might issue for them—should be permitted to return to their homes and duties in the smiling vales of Utah.

For our part, we can scarcely concede that the special dispatch is authenticated by the apparent situation at Washington. It is true that rumors emanated from Chairman Spry's committee, antecedent to the campaign, to the effect that a certain emissary had come to Utah and had made a direct bargain to the following effect: That the proposed investigation at Salt Lake City should be eliminated from the programme of the Committee on Privileges and Elections; and that the investigation at Washington should be mitigated and protracted through the winter and allowed finally to "peter out," to use the words of one of the gentlemen prominently connected with Mr. Spry's committee. But that was such an outrageous assumption as that not even the postponement of the proposed investigation at Salt Lake has convinced The Tribune that the plan can be made effective. The question rests absolutely with the Senate of the United States, and not with any emissary of any political party. The Committee on Privileges and Elections has heretofore shown its purpose to make a most radical scrutiny of the existing situation in Utah. The only reasonable supposition is that the committee will continue its work upon this line until all the material facts are gleaned, and then will make report of its findings and its recommendations, based upon the evidence, to the Senate, which will thereafter determine whether or not Reed Smoot is a proper occupant of a seat in that high body.

This is not the first time that the Deseret News has had special or other dispatches settling this whole question. But as the News is more frequently wrong than right in its predictions concerning Congressional action, the great public of Utah, so vitally interested in the Smoot case, will not reach any conclusion of mind in this affair until something more substantial shall be offered than the Spry rumor or the News special.

Unlike the church leaders, the Senate of the United States is bound by the Constitution, the laws and the sentimentality of the eighty-two millions of people of this country.

NO POLITICS IN IT.

To the suggestion that there may be politics or a political programme in the water proposition now before the people, the friends and advocates of that plan protest a vigorous denial.

They do well to do this, for politics and water do not mix well; it takes something stronger to meet the needs of political plots and political activity.

The people of this city want water; they are not particularly keen on politics, especially after the thorough lesson which has just been inculcated, that we have in fact no politics here.

What is desired is a square, clean, straightforward proposition that will reasonably assure to the people of this city the amount of water that the advocates of any scheme proposed, profess can be had by that scheme.

They want it to be as little complicated as possible, and, above all, they want all difficulties of the situation to be threshed out before the bonds are voted, so that the voters may know clearly what they are doing on January 3rd next when they go to the polls to vote for or against the bonds.

But that is not all. They are entitled to know that the plan proposed before election will be carried out after election, unless some modification clearly advantageous appear afterwards, making modification desirable.

We do not deny that such modification may be best, but we hold that the matter should be so well discussed and matured before the election as to minimize the likelihood of such changes.

But, above all, politics must be kept out; the effect of the vote for or against the bonds on any one's political fortunes or future must be eliminated. The people are willing to consider fairly and to judge calmly this whole matter; but only on the prerequisite that it is a scheme for water, in which politics shall have no place.

Politics at any stage would endanger the whole proposition before election; and after election, politics would endanger good faith, and the life and health of this whole community.

JUST UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The utter unfairness of the Deseret News in designating the present effort to have genuinely free schools in Salt Lake as an "anti-Mormon movement" must be apparent to all but the especial cult in whose interest the News makes these misstatements.

Neither The Tribune, nor any one of the citizens connected with the American party nominations for the Board of Education, is actuated by anti-Mormon sentiment.

We want the schools to be non-Mormon.

We want the schools to be non-Metho-

dist.

We want the schools to be non-Cath-

olic.

We want the schools to be non-sectarian in every sense of the word.

We just want the schools to be plain

United States of America schools. And

that is what they will be, if it takes

a generation of fighting to win this

right for the children of the commu-

nity.

ONE OF ITS UNTRUTHS.

The Deseret News says that "It wants an honest, upright, fair and high-minded board, composed of the best qualified citizens, it having no regard to the members' religious or political affiliations." Of the numberless misstatements of the News, The Tribune selects the foregoing as a specimen. The great public of Salt Lake City knows that the church leaders and the Deseret News have insisted for years that one-half the members of the Board of Education should be Mormons, and they have at times attempted, and not unsuccessfully, to have more than one-half the members. It is shameful falsehood for the Deseret News to pretend that it has not made and does not continue to make sectarian demands in the election of members of the Board of Education.

Every well informed citizen of Salt Lake knows that the church organ is telling a deliberate untruth when it prints a sentence like the above quotation in its columns.

CLOSE OF THE ST. LOUIS FAIR.

The Louisiana Centennial Exposition closed yesterday. It was undoubtedly the greatest exposition the world has ever seen, up to this time—international in character, universal in interest. The exhibit itself was a credit to all concerned in it, and it enhanced the knowledge of this country among mankind.

Like other expositions, however, it failed of being a financial success, and it may be that it will be many years before there is seen in any country an exposition comparable with this one at St. Louis in breadth of conception, energy of collection and administration, and richness and profusion of material on view.

Next year, however, we shall have a little brother of the St. Louis Exposition, the Lewis and Clark Centennial exhibit at Portland. This, however, will lack the international features that distinguished the St. Louis fair, and will not attract such world-wide interest. But it should attract the intense interest of all portions of this country, and of the people of all that vast region west of the Missouri river, in an especial and marked degree. The dwellers in all this vast region can trace the opening of the western and the mountain and the coast region to the magnificent trip of exploration which Lewis and Clark made

a hundred years ago. And that is what we should all do, support that expedition with all our might.

THE IMPORTANT FACTOR.

As it has dawned upon the public mind at last that there are several prominent members of the Republican party of Utah, any one of whom would make a good Senator of the United States; the supposition that there was no chance for a choice, and that the Hon. George Sutherland must be selected, is no longer the point at issue.

The question now is whether Utah will have a deputy Senator in the person of the Hon. George Sutherland, or whether she will have a Senator in the person of some other and independent man, who gives his patriotism to the country and his political duty to the party rather than to bestow both upon some ecclesiastical creator.

That is the proposition which confronts Utah; and it is today, and will be until settled, the most important new factor in her relations to the United States.

That figure "7959," as the total vote of Col. Ferry for Governor of Utah, looks good to those who are hoping for American control in this State. That figure represents a spontaneous uprising of the people, with an organization in only one county of Utah, and with only forty days of active work. Today there are twice that many of Utah's citizens devoted to the American party; and in all succeeding elections they will make their numbers felt, until the righteous cause shall be won.

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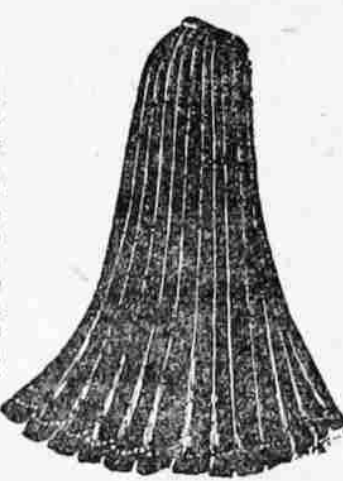
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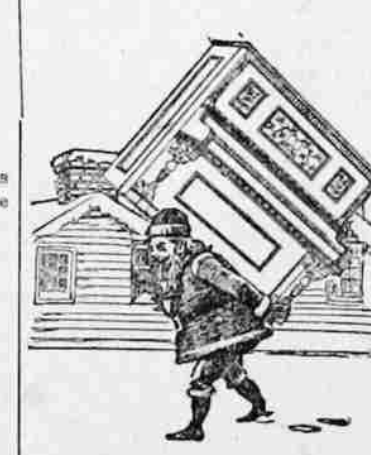
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